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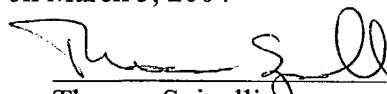
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,183,743, dated May 1965, issued to O'Donnell, et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,055,100, dated October 1977, issued to Borzym;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,565,311, dated January 1986, issued to Pugliese, et al.;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,452,636, dated September 1995, issued to Rattan;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,726,422, dated March 1988, issued to Haase, et al; and
6. U.S. Patent No. 6,058,821, dated February 21, 1997, issued to Demarest, et al.

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In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), per 1276 OG 55, August 5, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required.

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